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SUBJ: KOREA AT 29TH UNGA: PORTUGAL

REF: A) LISBON 5146 B) USUN 5366

1. PORTUGUESE COUNSELLOR COSTA LOBO CALLED MISOFF NOV 30 TO DISCUSS KOREA, DEBATE ON WHICH RESUMED IN FIRST COMMITTEE NOV 29.

2. COSTA LOBO SAID HE STILL HAD NO INSTRUCTIONS MORE SPECIFIC THAN THOSE REPORTED REFTEL B. COSTA LOBO ASKED FOR US VIEWS ON AMENDMENT JUST SUBMITTED BY FRENCH TO FRIENDLY RES. MISOFF SAID US AND ROK SUPPORTED IT AND WE WOULD ANNOUNCE ACCEPTANCE OF IT ON BEHALF OF ALL COSPONSORS EARLY NEXT WEEK. MISOFF CONFIRMED THAT FRENCH, IN RETURN, WOULD VOTE FOR FRIENDLY RES, ASSURING SOLID EC-9 SUPPORT. COSTA LOBO SAID THIS WAS "NEW VOTING SITUATION" ON BASIS OF WHICH HE COULD ASK FOR CLEARER INSTRUCTIONS. WHEN HE ASKED ABOUT GREEK AND NORWEGIAN POSITIONS ON KOREA, MISOFF WAFFLED (FYI: WE ARE FAIRLY CONFIDENT OF NORWEGIAN SUPPORT BUT ARE WORRIED ABOUT GREEK VOTE END FYI)

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3. COSTA LOBO THEN REFERRED TO PORTUGUESE VOTE ON KHMER ISSUE (ABSTENTION ALL THE WAY) AND HINGED HE MIGHT RECEIVE SIMILAR INSTRUCTIONS ON KOREA UNLESS US MAKES ITS VIEW KNOWN IN LISBON RAPIDLY AT VERY HIGH LEVEL. (FYI: VOTING ON KOREAN RESES COULD OCCUR AS SOON AS AFTERNOON DEC 6.).

4. COMMENT: IN ADDITION TO LOBBYING ARGUMENTS FURNISHED REFTEL, EMB MAY FIND IT USEFUL TO POINT OUT IN ARGUING AGAINST HOSTILE RES THAT NORTH KOREAN SPEECH TO FIRST COMMITTEE NOV 25 CONFIRMED OUR VIEW (PARA 3 REF B) THAT COSPONSORS HOSTILE RES INTERPRET IT AS CALLING FOR WITHDRAWAL ALL US TROOPS FROM ROK IN SPITE OF BILATERAL MUTUAL SECURITY PACT. IN SUPPORT OF OUR RES, EMB MIGHT STRESS THAT WITH FIVE AFRICAN COSPONSORS (CAR, GABON, GAMBIA, LESOTHO AND LIBERIA) AND PROMISES OF SUPPORT FROM AT LEAST FIVE MORE, AS WELL AS 1 ARAB COSPONSOR (OMAN), AND OTHER ARAB SUPPORTERS, WE HAVE SIGNIFICANT "THIRD WORLD" BACKING FOR FRIENDLY RES.

5. ACTION REQUEST NOW THAT CAMBODIA ISSUE OVER, WE RECOMMEND THAT DEPT AUTHORIZE EMB TO MAKE DEMARCHE ON KOREA AT HIGHEST APPROPRIATE LEVEL GOP.

6. TEXT OF FRENCH AMENDMENT FOLLOWS:

IN THE FIFTH LINE OF OPERATIVE PARAGRAPH 2, REPLACE THE WORDS "INCLUDING THE FUTURE OF THE UNITED NATIONS COMMAND," BY THE FOLLOWING WORDS: "INCLUDING THE DISSOLUTION OF THE UNITED NATIONS COMMAND IN CONJUNCTION WITH ARRANGEMENTS TO MAINTAIN THE ARMISTICE AGREEMENT,".
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